

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 21, 23-30, 32-34, 36-38, and 40-44 are now pending, with Claims 1, 7, 21, and 42 being independent.

Claims 2, 8, 13-20, 22, 31, 35, 39, and 45-47 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 21, 26, 32, 33, 36, 40, 41, 42, and 43 have been amended. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the application. No new matter is believed to have been added.

As an initial matter, Applicants respectfully request in the next Office Action an indication as to the status of a "Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) to Accept Color Photographs" filed on September 17, 2003 in the present application.

Turning now to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2005:

Claims 1, 4-7, 10-12, 21, 24-29, 33, 37, 41, and 42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,751,306 ("Sakaki").

Claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 22, 23, 30-32, 34-36, 38-40, and 43-47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Sakaki in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,782,496 ("Casper").

Regarding the Section 102(b) rejection, Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants submit that Sakaki does not disclose a substrate or document having a releasably adhered first label, as recited in any of the pending claims.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Section 102(b) rejection.

Regarding the Section 103(a) rejection, Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants submit that neither Sakaki nor Casper, whether taken alone or in combination, discloses a document having a substrate, a label releasably adhered to a first face of the substrate, and a debris-removing coating associated with at least a portion of an opposing second face of the substrate for removing printer contamination during printing of the label.

Sakaki is discussed above. Sakaki does not disclose and does not even begin to suggest any releasably adhered labels.

Nonetheless, even assuming that one of ordinary skill would have been motivated to combine Sakaki with Casper, the combined teachings still would not disclose or suggest the claimed invention.

Casper discloses two types of labels, specifically, (i) a linerless label having an adhesive applied to a first face thereof and a release coating applied to a second printable face thereof and (ii) a lined label having a release liner and a label releasably adhered to a face thereof. See Casper, 4/32-50, 7/25-44, and Figs. 2 and 11. Unlike the labels in the claimed invention, the linerless label of Casper is not releasably adhered to a substrate, irrespective of any coatings applied to any surfaces. Regarding the lined labels, Casper does not even begin to suggest applying any type of coating to the release liner, let alone to the side of the release liner opposite to the label side.

Thus, even when taken in combination, Sakaki and Casper still do not disclose, let alone suggest, either: a document comprising a substrate, having a first face and an opposing second face, a first label, at least a portion of the first label releasably adhered to at least a portion of the first face, and a debris-removing coating associated with at least a portion of the second face, as now recited, among other things, in Claims 3, 30 and 32; or a document having a first face and an opposing second face, at least a portion of the first face including a first label releasably adhered thereto, and a debris-removing coating associated with at least a portion of the second face, as now recited, among other things, in Claims 9, 23, 34, 36, 38, 40, 43, and 44.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Section 103(a) rejection.

Applicants submit that the foregoing is responsive to each of the points in the Office Action and respectfully request that this Amendment After Final be entered.

Favorable consideration and timely allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this paper to Deposit Account No. 18-2284 (DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP).

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